(b) what is the number of aircraft accidents due to bird-hits during the last three years (year-wise) stating the types of aircraft involved, the loss suffered on each account and the number of casualties;

(c) how do the bird-hit air accidents in this country compare with those in major countries of the world such as U.K., USA, USSR, France, Germany, Canada etc; and

(d) what precise measures have been taken by Government to minimise bird-hit air accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. The bird hit incidents have been contained.

(b) No notifiable aircraft accident due to bird-hit has taken place during the last three years.

(c) Statistical data for the bird-hit air accidents for different countries of the world is not available to permit a comparative study.

(d) Measures such as cutting of grass around the runway strips, spraying of insecticides, use of incinerators for burning garbage, installation of sodium vapour lights in the operational area, prevention of garbage dumping in the operational area, improvement of general sanitation within and around airfields are being continuously taken. Constant vigil is also being maintained to prevent clandestine slaughter of animals, skinning of dead animals, setting up of unauthorised meet and fish shops, butcheries etc. within a radius of 10 Kms. around airfields.

The recommendations of the Bombay Natural History Society in respect of Bombay and Delhi airports *viz,* levelling of infield area and construction of effectitve drainage system to prevent water logging, planting of Dhub grass, pigeon proofing of buildings and upgradation of airport incinerators within the infield area are being implemented in a phase manner. Similarly, recommendations in respect of construction of modern slaughter house and carcass processing centre, intallation of modern incinerators in large hotels, meat and fish markets; hygienic disposal of chicken dresing wastes, bird proofing of piggeries etc. are proposed to be implemented in phased manner because of heavy expenditure involved.

Graduates of the IIT Delhi going abroad

259. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of graduates in various disciplines of the I.I.T. Delhi who go abroad for higher studies or for jobs and how does the percentage compare with that in the other I.I.Ts.; and

(b) what steps are being contemplated by Government to prevent brain drain of engineering and science graduates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) The exact figures of the IIT graduates going aboard are not maintained. However, according to the available information the number of such people is roughly of the order of 20 per cent on an average.

(b) Apart from arranging industrial training for the students during their pre-final year, the Training and Placement Section of each IIT keeps close and constant liasion with Indian industries|organisations to ensure that the students get not only a job but a place where their talents could be best utilised. Through these efforts large number of students are selected by the Indian industries|organisations, every year, through Campus interviews.

Air service for calcutta by the British Air Company

260. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Caledonian Air Company proposes to start air service for Calcutta; and